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City of Rockford Launches Interactive Map of Rockford's Historic Sites

Rockford has a rich history embodied in its historic sites and buildings, something which we wish to showcase and further a desire to see these assets preserved and utilized. To assist in this goal, a new interactive map of historic sites and districts in Rockford is now available on the City's website. This new online tool will help increase public awareness of historic preservation and will grant citizens access to information on Rockford's many historic sites.

The map identifies sites that are either on the National Register of Historic Places, or have been identified as locally designated landmarks. Users can select the type of sites they are looking for or focus the map on geographic areas of the city to see all sites in that location. By selecting a site, users can access pictures and historic site descriptions related to that location.

The Winnebago County GIS Consortium (WinGIS) has been a critical partner in the project's success by providing web application development services. This project highlights the value of our partnership with the WinGIS organization. Through the collaborative efforts of City and WinGIS staff, this project makes geographic-based historic information easy for Rockford citizens to access to learn more about their community.

The map is available at <http://rockfordil.gov/rockford-maps.aspx> or by going to the City's Historic Preservation website <http://rockfordil.gov/community-economic-development/construction-development-services/historic-preservation.aspx> and following links to the interactive map.

For information on submitting your historic photos of Rockford, please contact Historic_Sites_Group@rockfordil.gov. For inquiries related to historic preservation, please contact Thaddeus Mack, Secretary of the Rockford Historic Preservation Commission, at (815) 987-5612 or thaddeus.mack@rockfordil.gov.

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